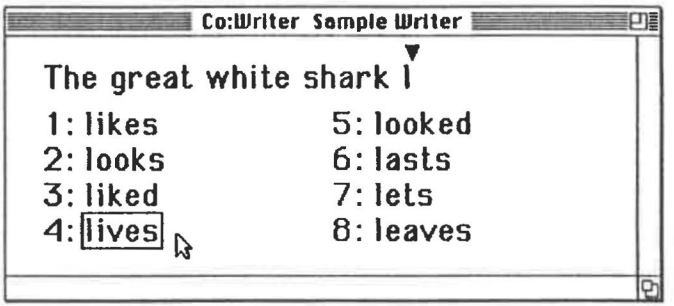
Co:Writer Addendum

Co:Writer® 2.1 – New Features and Enhancements

Co:Writer 2.1 is the intelligent word prediction program that can help you with your writing and enhance your rate of text generation. For people with learning disabilities, constructing sentences is easier because Co:Writer understands many language features such as subject-verb agreement, word relationships and other language rules.



For people with physical disabilities, Co:Writer helps reduce the amount of keystrokes required to type a single word. An entire sentence can be generated with fewer keystrokes.

For people who are non-speaking, Co:Writer's ability to create sentences quickly, the X:PND feature and high-quality speech output, makes it a valuable communication tool.

New Features in Version 2.1

Co:Writer 2.1 includes these new features for better performance and efficiency.

- **Repeat Guesses**
  This feature is for Co:Writer users who bypass their desired predicted word because they type past it and other predicted words replace it. With this option, predicted words stay on-screen in the suggested words list. Words remain on the list as long as they match the letters you type. Intelligence-based word predictions accompany the repeated words making Co:Writer even easier to use.

- **Accent Marks**
  Co:Writer now uses a variety of accent marks in its dictionary. Words such as *café, passé, pâté, déjà vu* and *piñata* are predicted with the accent marks. This occurs automatically, even when the character is typed without the accent mark.

- **Recent Text Prediction**
  This is a behind-the-scenes feature that you will notice when writing about a certain topic. Co:Writer predicts recently-used text more often to help you write your sentences more efficiently. This feature has been expanded so that recency factors work within sentences.

- Collect One-, **Two- and Three-Letter Words**
  This feature is for Co:Writer users that use a OK Co:Writer dictionary and want to collect all words typed for later prediction. This feature is useful for those creating their own custom dictionaries.

- **More efficient single switch scanning with Ke:nx®**
  This feature is for Ke:nx users who use the scanning input method with a single switch. It reduces the number of switch presses required to select a word from the suggested words list. Ke:nx 3.1 or higher is required for this feature.

- **Dictionary Additions**
  More and more words have been added to the Co:Writer dictionaries, particularly two- and three-word combinations.

  Included in this addendum are tips for faster prediction of combination words such as *happy birthday*, words that begin

with one letter such as *a la mode* and words that may be only initials such *R and D.* or *B & B.*

System Requirements

- Macintosh SE or higher with hard drive
- Word processor
- System 7.0 or later
- 2 MB RAM available for Co:Writer
- additional .5 MB RAM available for minimum speech output; up to 2 MB RAM available for higher-quality speech output

Serial number

To install Co:Writer, you need your Co:Writer serial number.

For New Purchases

Find the 11-character serial number on the back of the Co:Writer installation disk. Make a note of this number. All letters are upper case and 0's are zeros. There are no spaces. Use the mouse pointer or tab to move between fields.

For Upgrades from a Previous Co:Writer Version

You have been assigned a new serial number. Please make a note of it for your records. Find the 11-character serial number on the back of the Co:Writer installation disk. Make a note of this number. All letters are upper case and 0's are zeros. There are no spaces. Use the mouse pointer or tab to move between fields.

Installation

Note: Before you install Co:Writer or any new software, make sure to disable any virus protection software and cancel all computer system extension files. Cancelling extensions eliminates the possibility of other files or programs interfering with the Co:Writer installation. To cancel extensions, hold down the Shift key while starting up your computer.

1 Insert Co:Writer installation disk into disk drive
2 Double click the installer icon.

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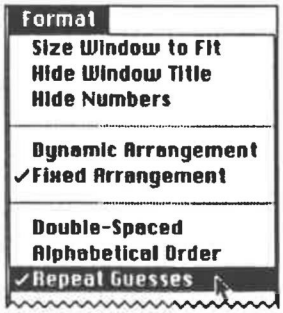
3 Follow on-screen instructions.

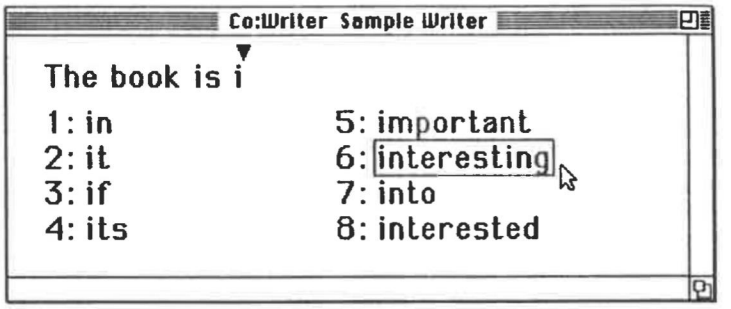
Repeat Guesses

This new feature is toggled on and off in the *Format* menu.

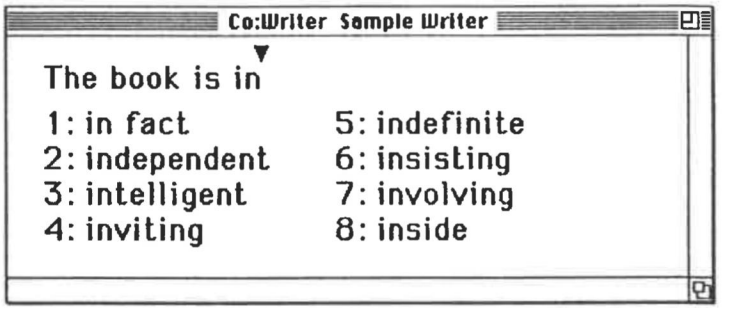


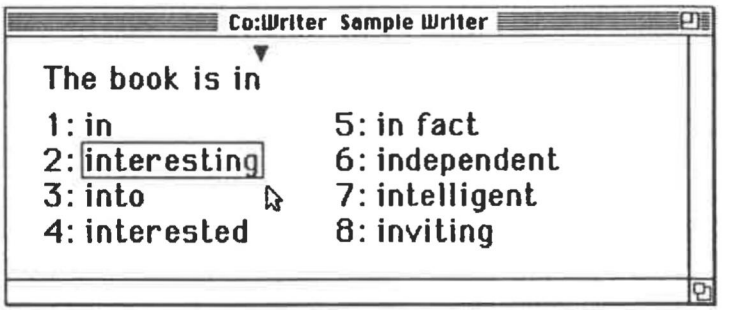
The checkmark indicates that it is active. Choose the menu item to turn it off and on. The following pictures demonstrate how this feature works. For this example, assume the sentence to be written is:

The book is interesting.



This illustration shows that Co:Writer predicts *interesting* after only one keystroke. However, sometimes the user types a second letter of the word and Co:Writer responds with new choices, as shown below. And the word *interesting* is replaced by other intelligent choices.

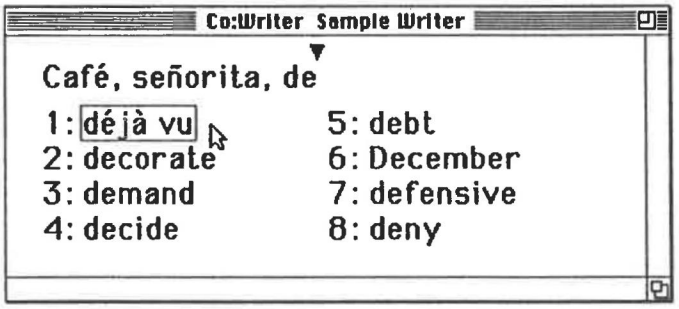




With *Repeat Guesses* selected, Co:Writer keeps the previously predicted words in its list and moves them closer to the top. This gives the user another chance to choose the word from the list. The repeated guesses remain in the list as long as they match the letters being typed in the sentence.

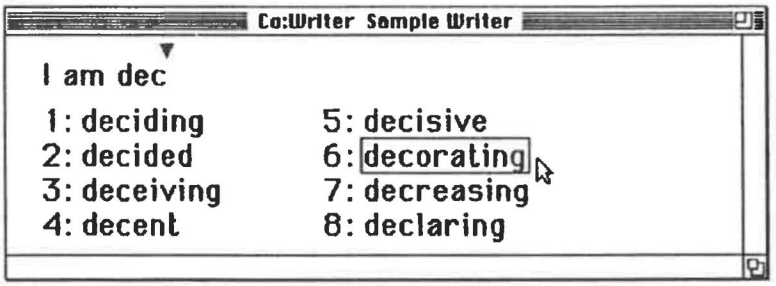
Accent marks

Accent marks on common words are included in Co:Writer's dictionary. They are automatic. Users need only type the letter and the words are predicted correctly.

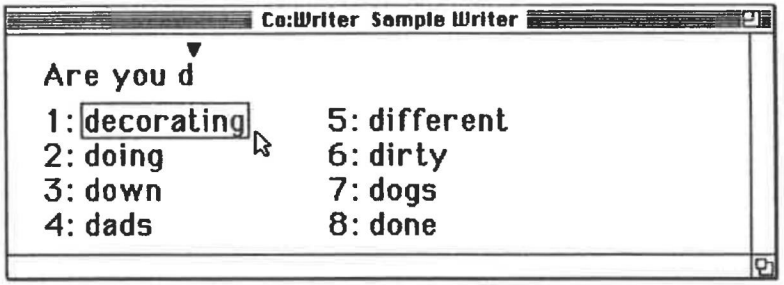


Recent Text Prediction

As you type, Co:Writer learns to automatically predict recently used words very quickly.

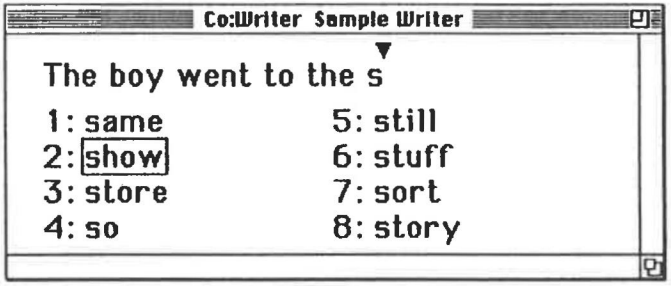


The above illustration shows the word *decorating* being chosen for the sentence. On the next sentence, *decorating* is predicted at the top of the list.

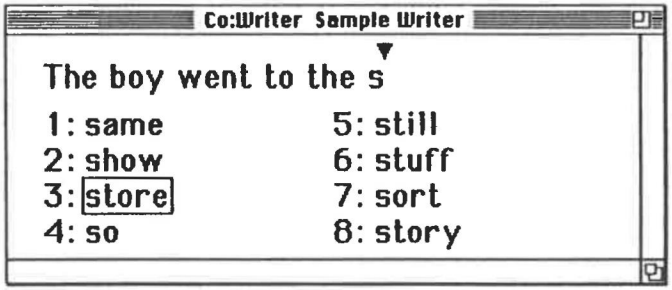


Single Switch Scanning with Ke:nx

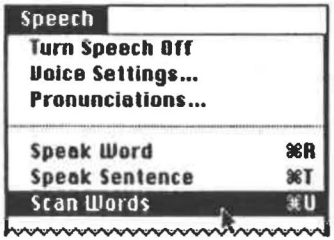
Using Co:Writer with a single switch and Ke:nx (scanning input method) is now easier than ever. Use Co:Writer's *Scan Words* command or set the automatic scan option. Predicted words are automatically scanned with a box. When the desired word is boxed, the user presses the switch to select it.



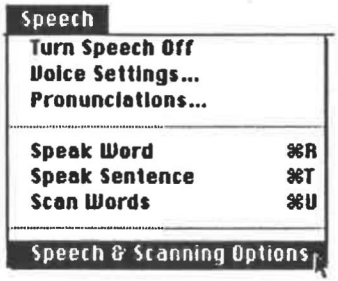
The box automatically goes from word to word.



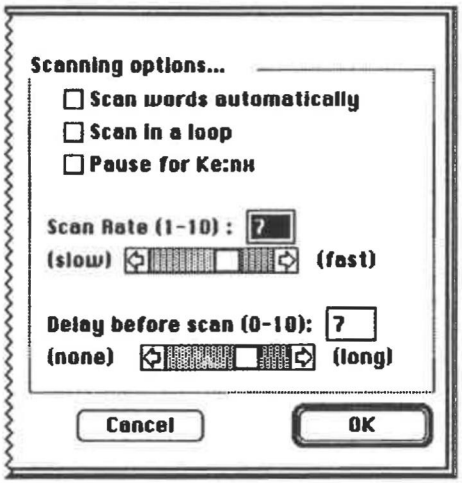
One way to begin scanning the predicted words is with the *Scan Words* command in the *Speech* menu. This way, words are scanning only when you choose to do so.



To scan words automatically, use the *Speech and Scan Options* in the *Speech* menu.



Check the options desired.



- **Scan word automatically**
  When Co:Writer predicts words, they are automatically scanned.

- **Scan in a Loop**
  After the last word is scanned, scanning starts over.

- **Pause for Ke:nx**
  This adds a "blank" scanning stop where the user can press the switch to cancel the scan.

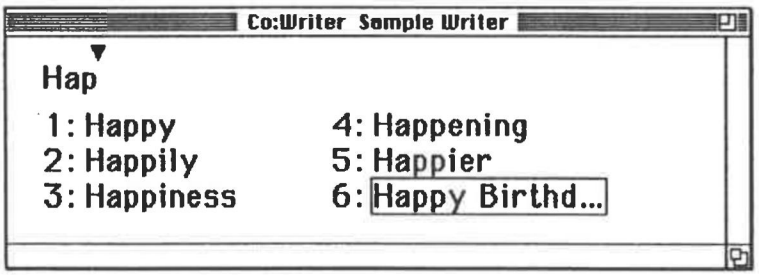
- **Scan Rate**
  Set the speed of the scan.

- **Delay before scan**
  Before scanning the predicted words, a delay may be set to give the user time to read the screen or enter a letter.

Tips for combination words and using the hyphen to generate word prediction

For combination words such as happy birthday, there are two ways to have Co:Writer predict them.

The first way is to type the correct letters until the entire phrase is predicted. This is often the fastest way.



A second way is to use the hyphen to generate word combinations.

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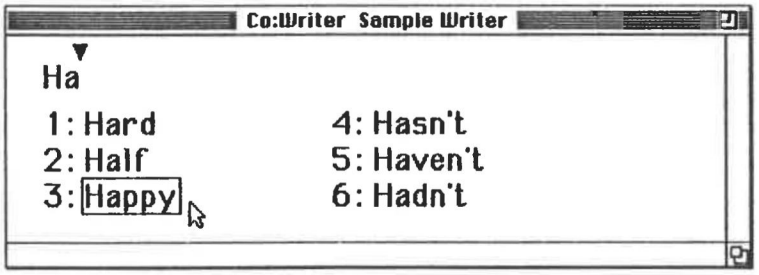
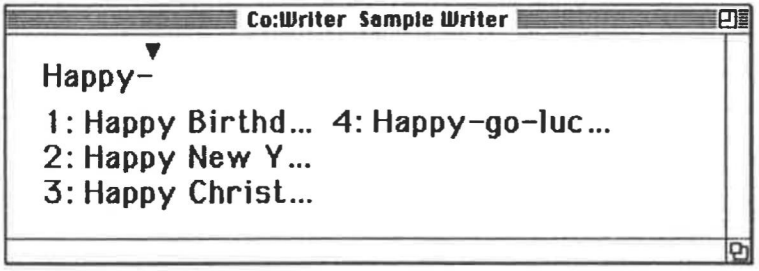
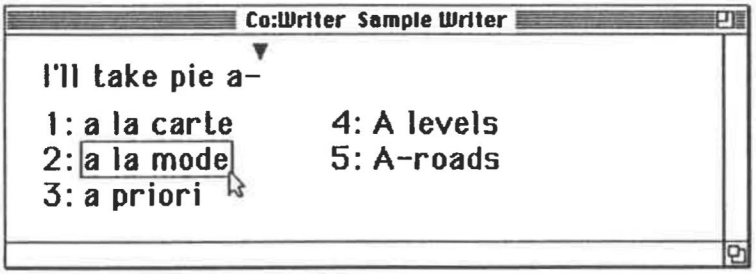


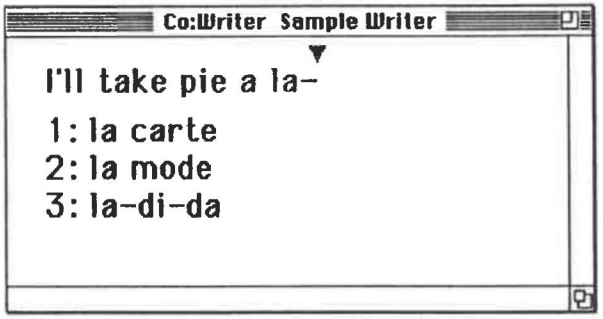
- Press the hyphen key. Word combinations that begin with *happy* are displayed. Select the one you want.



The hyphen key also works to generate word predictions that begin with only one letter. To get *a la mode*, for example, type *a* and press the hyphen.



The hyphen also works on the second word in this 3-word combination.



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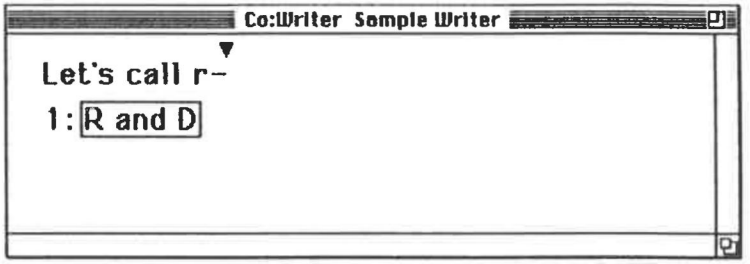

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